

Today's News - Wednesday, July 24, 2013

- Goodyear x 2: Peñalosa and Carter talk about "equality in public spaces": "We want to raise the bar for what passes for redevelopment for poor communities."
- She cheers a new take on Jacobs' "eyes on the street": "An artificially constructed 'neighborhood watch' will have trouble providing the same level of safety and ease as a street where people are constantly interacting - and truly seeing one another."
- Lubell looks at some of L.A.'s parking lot art museums: aside from suffering the heat island effect and the risk of getting run over, "there must be better places to display art. Not just leftover infrastructure."
- Meanwhile, Philly cheers its newest pop-up park - carved out of a parking lot on the Ben Franklin Parkway, "a temporary intervention to activate the disused space that will test the concepts outlined in the More Park Less Way action plan."
- Hawthorne, along with many others, is holding his breath to see which of "three ambitious plans" the Army Corps of Engineers will endorse to restore the L.A. River (it will likely be "the cheapest and least ambitious").
- Lubenau reports from the EDRA conference and the Bruner Foundation's panel exploring the Providence River Relocation Project: "personal perspectives, stories, and conversations about the long-term value of successful urban placemaking are precious resources."
- Showley cheers the "wild and wonderful ideas" NewSchool students come up with for San Diego's Balboa Park: "should we give up on such blue-sky ideas for lack of greenbacks? Not at all, and let's collect more of them!"
- Pedersen queries Calthorpe re: China's unique planning process, the future of high-speed rail in California, and Architecture 2030's new 2030 Palette.
- Betsky argues for keeping LACMA "weird": "I am wary of the notion of wiping most of this out" for Zumthor's "blobby behemoth" that would create "a single, amoeba-shaped labyrinth of galleries."
- Gehry's revised Eisenhower Memorial design clears the Fine Arts Commission in a 3-1 vote, with a landscape architect "the sole voice of dissent" (of course "Congress can still put the kabosh on this project").
- A striking new profile headed for the Sydney skyline.
- Kamin reports on Studio Gang's "bold" plans for new University of Chicago dorms for the "storied, once-frumpy neo-Gothic enclave": "We found a way to distill some of the Gothic traits and find out what they mean for now" (and a 1960 Weese will bite the dust).
- A modular Manhattan apartment tower "makes us wonder why the city waited so long."
- Stephens cheers Studio V's Stella 34 Trattoria: in a part of NYC "frequently described as either a culinary wasteland or architectural sinkhole, Macy's entrepreneurial spirit in joining dining and design is both generous and brave" (is that Mastroianni and Lollobrigida in the corner?).
- The AIA ABI reports good news: a "slight softening of the national score was the only (minor) letdown in June."
- New London Awards names Rogers "New Londoner of the Year" and honors 17 of the best projects in the city.
- Six projects in the running for the Australian Institute of Architects' 2013 Jorn Utzon Award for International Architecture.
- Floormature's Next Landmark 2013 Competition winners announced (two will head to Helsinki, one to Mexico City).
- Call for entries: 15th AR+D Awards for Emerging Architecture (age limit: 45).

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[Looking for Equality in Public Spaces: ...if you are looking for the places where equity flourishes — you will find it in the public spaces of cities...](#)"We want to raise the bar for what passes for redevelopment for poor communities...You build out your public spaces in a way that forces good behavior. That's what good public space does." By Sarah Goodyear -- Enrique Peñalosa; Bogotá, Colombia; Majora Carter; Sustainable South Bronx; High Line Park- Next City (formerly Next American City)

[A New Way of Understanding 'Eyes on the Street':](#) These words have been repeated countless times in the 50-plus years since Jane Jacobs wrote them...An artificially constructed "neighborhood watch" will have trouble providing the same level of safety and ease as a street where people are constantly interacting – and truly seeing one another. By Sarah Goodyear- The Atlantic Cities

[Editorial> Parking Lot Art Museums:](#) Sam Lubell argues that there must be better places to display art in Los Angeles than parking lots...At many of these locations the heat island effect can be overwhelming; and of course there's always the risk of getting run over. Maybe what we really need is real public cultural space? Not just leftover infrastructure. -- P-A-T-T-E-R-N-S; Oylar Wu [image]- The Architect's Newspaper

[Painting the Lot:](#) Philadelphia replaces parking with pop-up park on Benjamin Franklin Parkway...carved from a parking lot inside Eakins Oval...as a temporary intervention to activate the disused space that will test the concepts outlined in the recent More Park Less Way action plan... -- LRSLA Studio [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

[L.A. River advocates wait for watershed Army Corps study:](#) A nonprofit...announces plans for a 51-mile greenway. But it's a decision from Washington that everyone is waiting for...Corps will weigh three ambitious plans aimed at restoring the river's natural ecosystem and improving public access...likely to endorse the cheapest and least ambitious... By Christopher Hawthorne- Los Angeles Times

[Rudy Bruner Award Advances the Conversation on Making Cities Better:](#) It takes more than great design professionals to create great places; it takes community: ...at EDRA, the Bruner Foundation presented "Healing Places and People: The Providence River Relocation Project..."...personal perspectives, stories, and conversations about the long-term value of successful urban placemaking are precious resources... By Anne-Marie Lubenau [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[Flood Balboa Park? NewSchool of Architecture and Design students revive 114-year-old lake idea in Florida Canyon:](#) These wild and wonderful ideas are just a few of the 67 studied...should we give up on such blue-sky ideas for lack of greenbacks? Not at all, and let's collect more of them... By Roger Showley [images]- San Diego Union-Tribune

[Q&A: Peter Calthorpe:](#) A founding member of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)...talks about China's unique planning process, the future of high-speed rail in California, and Architecture 2030's new 2030 Palette. By Martin C. Pedersen -- Calthorpe Associates - Metropolis Magazine

[Keep LACMA Weird:](#) The current campus for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art tells an L.A. story that Peter Zumthor's design should not override: ...has arrived at a state of vitality that is due...not only to good leadership and programming, but also to the very messiness of its campus. By Aaron Betsky -- William Pereira; Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates; Bruce Goff; Renzo Piano- Architect Magazine

[Revised Eisenhower Memorial Design Clears Fine Arts Commission:](#) ... the updated design now moves to the National Capital Planning Commission, unless Congress stymies the process...Elizabeth Meyer, the only landscape architect on the commission...was the sole voice of dissent on the commission, which also consists of Elizabeth Plater-Zybeck; Alex Krieger; and Edwin Schlossberg. -- Frank Gehry; AECOM- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Revitalisation ahead with Crown's Sydney CBD project revealed: ...heritage-inspired archways on lower levels, and a modern glass-and-steel tower with curved steel roof structure...."will be a distinguished addition to Sydney's skyline." -- Koichi Takada Architects [images]- Architecture & Design (Australia)

Jeanne Gang offers bold plans for University of Chicago dorms: Construction of 3 buildings could begin next year..."We found a way to distill some of the Gothic traits and find out what they mean for now"...Demolition of...Pierce Tower, a 1960 campus high-rise by...Harry Weese that now occupies the site, is expected to begin in August. By Blair Kamin -- Studio Gang Architects [image]- Chicago Tribune

This Prefab Building Is A First For New York: The Stack, a modular Manhattan apartment tower designed by Gluck+, makes us wonder why the city waited so long: Peter Gluck believes the conditions for prefabricated housing are once again ripe...building technique can be applied at all levels, in all cities, at nearly any scale. [images, video]- Fast Company

Miracle on 34th Street: Macy's Herald Square has opened a new restaurant: Stella 34 Trattoria...In an area of New York frequently described as either a culinary wasteland or architectural sinkhole, Macy's entrepreneurial spirit in joining dining and design is both generous and brave. By Suzanne Stephens -- Studio V Architecture [slide show]- Architectural Record

Architecture Billings Keep Growing: The AIA's Architecture Billings Index shows continuing strength for the design and construction industry...slight softening of the national score was the only (minor) letdown in June. Every other yardstick in the index improved.- Architect Magazine

Richard Rogers Honoured at New London Awards: ...took the top prize of "New Londoner of the Year"...[awards] recognize 17 of the best projects in London... -- Hayhurst and Co; Avanti, Duggan Morris, Mae & Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design; Team Populous (Populous, Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands, Allies and Morrison); Amin Taha Architects; Alford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM); Stiff + Trevillion; Turley Associates; Kieran Timberlake; Bennetts Associates; Haworth Tompkins; Zaha Hadid Architects; Sou Fujimoto Architects/AECOM; Jestico + Whites; Wilkinson Eyre Architects/Aedas/Mace Limited; etc. [images]- ArchDaily

Australian Institute of Architects' (AIA) International Award finalists revealed: ...six projects in contention for the 2013 Jorn Utzon Award for International Architecture. -- Kerry Hill Architects; Andrew Burns Architect/Atelier Imamu; Ian Moore Architects; Peter Stutchbury Architecture; Koning Eizenberg Architecture [images]- Australian Design Review

Winners of Flook's Next Landmark 2013 Competition announced: The winners of the First Work and Photography categories receive a trip for two to...Helsinki Design Week, and the winner of the Research category will receive a three-month internship at BNKR in Mexico City. -- Shoko Murakaji (Japan); Nataly Abramova (Russia); Hugo Soo (Canada) [link to images, info]- Canadian Architect

Call for entries: 15th AR+D Awards for Emerging Architecture (international); celebrate excellence in completed work in building, interior, landscape, urban or product design; age limit: 45; £10,000 prize money; deadline: August 30- Architectural Review (UK)

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